

SENATE BILL 345 (LRB -0774)

An Act to repeal 101.14 (4) (c) 2.; and to renumber 101.14 (4) (c) 1. of the statutes; relating to: variances to rules concerning automatic fire sprinklers in places of employment and public buildings under 60 feet in height (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Commerce).

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- 12-03. S. Introduced by **LAW REVISION COMMITTEE**.
12-03. S. Read first time and referred to committee on Commerce, Utilities and Rail 446

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- 02-14. S. Public hearing held.
02-21. S. Executive action taken.
02-22. S. Report passage recommended by committee on Commerce, Utilities and Rail, Ayes 7, Noes 0 612
02-22. S. Available for scheduling.
02-26. S. Placed on calendar 2-28-2008 by committee on Senate Organization.
02-28. S. Read a second time 636
02-28. S. Ordered to a third reading 636
02-28. S. Rules suspended 636
02-28. S. Read a third time and **passed** 636
02-28. S. Ordered immediately messaged 639
02-28. A. Received from Senate 568
02-28. A. Read first time and referred to committee on Rules 568
03-05. A. Placed on calendar 3-11-2008 by committee on Rules.
03-11. A. Read a second time.
03-11. A. Ordered to a third reading.
03-11. A. Rules suspended.
03-11. A. Read a third time and **concurred in**.
03-11. A. Ordered immediately messaged.
03-12. S. Received from Assembly concurred in.

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December 3, 2007 - Introduced by LAW REVISION COMMITTEE. Referred to Committee on Commerce, Utilities and Rail.

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2 statutes; **relating to:** variances to rules concerning automatic fire sprinklers
3 in places of employment and public buildings under 60 feet in height (suggested
4 as remedial legislation by the Department of Commerce).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) is required to promulgate rules requiring owners of places of employment and public buildings to install fire detection, prevention, or suppression devices to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the persons who use those places and buildings. Current law also provides that Commerce may grant a variance to the rules relating to automatic fire sprinklers under limited circumstances. This bill eliminates Commerce's authority to grant those variances.

For further information, see the NOTES provided by the Law Revision Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

LAW REVISION COMMITTEE PREFATORY NOTE: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the Department of Commerce and introduced by the Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4., stats. After careful consideration of the various

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provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

1 **SECTION 1.** 101.14 (4) (c) 1. of the statutes is renumbered 101.14 (4) (c).

2 **SECTION 2.** 101.14 (4) (c) 2. of the statutes is repealed.

NOTE: The repealed subdivision provides as follows:

101.14 (4) (c) 2. Before the effective date of the rules promulgated under subd. 1., as affected by 1983 Wisconsin Act 295, section 3, the department may grant a variance to any rule relating to automatic fire sprinklers and mandated under chapter 320, laws of 1981, if the department first does both of the following:

a. Consults with the chief of the fire department having authority over the place of employment or public building.

b. Determines that the variance provides protection, substantially equivalent to that of the rules mandated by chapter 320, laws of 1981, of the health, safety and welfare of employers, employees and frequenters of the place of employment or public building.

According to the Department of Commerce, the repealed provision has long been inapplicable.

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